

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

**CHAMBERS OF
BRENDAN A. HURSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

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LETTER ORDER

RE: United States v. Christopher Kenji Bendann
Case No.: 23-278-JKB

Dear Counsel:

This matter was referred to me by Chief Judge Bedar for an attorney inquiry hearing, which I held this afternoon. For the reasons stated on the record during the sealed hearing, Defendant Christopher Bendann's request for the appointment of new counsel is GRANTED and the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel (ECF 41) filed by Kobie Flowers and Michael Abrams is also GRANTED. Christopher Nieto has entered his appearance as counsel of record in this case and is to be noticed on all filings.

Despite the informal nature of this letter, it is an Order of the Court and shall be docketed as such.

Sincerely,

/s/

Brendan A. Hurson
United States Magistrate Judge